



Transfer of Authority - Noble Eagle II is going home

By Kathy Anderson, TEAD PAO



Above: LTC Montgomery receives a framed photo from CPT Delwiche, A Co, 132d En Bn (CAANG)

Transfer of Authority from Noble Eagle II to Noble Eagle III augmentation units was completed at 1000 hours, 11 June 2003. A Co, 2-185th Armor Battalion, California Army National Guard, Noble Eagle III unit, assumed the security augmentation mission for Tooele Army Depot from A Co, 132d Engineer Battalion, California Army National Guard, Noble Eagle II unit. All Transfer of Authority training was completed on time and to the standard.

LTC Arnold P. Montgomery, TEAD commander, presented each soldier from the 132d En Bn with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Noble Eagle coin. The soldiers also enjoyed a picnic later that afternoon. On Friday, the soldiers transferred to Fort Lewis, Washington, for demobilization process.

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LTC Arnold P. Montgomery
TEAD Commander

As I write this column it is hard to believe that my time as Commander of Tooele Army Depot is coming to a close and that this will be my last article to you. My time here has been very fulfilling and I learned a lot from all the employees of the depot.

I look back on the last two years and I am amazed at the things we have accomplished and the trials and tribulations we faced. In two short years we dealt with the aftermath of the terrorist attacks from 9-11 and we provided significant ammunition support to the war in Afghanistan and the war in Iraq. Through it all the Tooele Army Depot employees

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did an extremely professional job and your performance was nothing short of spectacular.

I am especially proud of our efforts earlier this year in shipping approximately 16,000 stons of ammunition to Operation Iraqi Freedom. The selfless service and teamwork by all employees proved that Tooele Army Depot can perform its mission and that we are a critical cog on the machinery that supports warfighters. I am extremely proud of all of you and I will always remember the depot, it's employees, and our mission with pride.

I would also like to thank everyone for so quickly accepting my family and I into the larger Tooele Army Depot and Tooele, Utah, family. All the employees and residents of Tooele Army Depot and Tooele very warmly received us and made us feel welcome from the moment we met. The kindness and warmth of the Tooele Army Depot employees and their families made our arrival and transition very easy. My family and I have lived all over the world but only Tooele made us feel like we were "home." We

will miss all of you very much. As I depart, I would ask you all to provide the same kindness, great welcome, and great support to the incoming Commander, LTC Karol Ripley, and her family. She is a great soldier who will do a super job as Tooele Army Depot Commander. I am positive no one will let her down.

Once again, thanks for a great two years. Keep up the good work and never forget warfighters and soldiers we support.



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During an exercise, TEAD employees evacuate the post

By Kathy Anderson, PAO

Recently, Tooele Army Depot employees participated in an exercise that evolved into evacuating the entire depot.

On 9 June, the emergency responders responded to a bomb threat in the Public Works area. After all the employees evacuated and assembled to their meeting point, the responders verified that it was a blown transformer. However, the exercise expanded into the derailment of a train car from the Union Pacific Railroad. The train car had an unknown material that was being released into the air.

TEAD Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff was called down and responded within minutes.

After the TEAD Fire Department, Security, and the augmentation soldiers responded, they found that the material from the train was an unknown contaminate. Two augmentation soldiers were contaminated with this unknown substance. Also, the augmentation force apprehended two unidentified civilians from the train.

The depot's volunteer Initial Response Team (IRT) was activated immediately to set up the portable wash area.

On advice from the Fire Department, the Commander of the depot ordered a complete depot evacuation. EOC rang down the emergency ring down system to inform depot employees above the Incinerator Road to evacuate through the main Traffic Control Point (TCP), and meet at the Tooele Armory, Ammunition area employees evacuate through Incinerator Road gate OG-5 and meet at the Tooele County Complex. At these two points, a head count was conducted and reported back to the EOC for verification that the depot was in fact clear.

"Out of all the exercises we have done, this one was the best," stated LTC Montgomery. "We continually learn from everyone of these exercises. I hope we continue with these exercises and try to have them a few times a year," he stated.



Rumsfeld Taps Retired General for Army Chief

By John Hendren, Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld has offered the Army's top uniformed position to a retired four-star general, Pentagon officials said Tuesday, a move that bypasses top-ranking officers as he seeks to carry out a major overhaul of the service.

Rumsfeld selected Gen. Peter Jan Schoomaker, who retired in 2000, to become Army chief of staff, officials said, though the nomination has not been announced officially. Schoomaker, 57, would have to be confirmed by the Senate.

Rumsfeld's move, coming little more than a month after he fired the Army's civilian secretary and replaced him with current Air Force Secretary James Roche, was seen as positioning the Pentagon chief to speed up changes aimed at making the Army faster and lighter.

While Schoomaker's expected nomination suggests Rumsfeld found no satisfactory candidate in active service, it does not mean he didn't try. Pentagon insiders say he first offered the job to Gen. John Keane, deputy to retiring Army Chief of Staff Erik Shinseki; then to Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of Central Command, who opted instead to retire; and Gen. John Abizaid, who preferred to succeed Franks.

In the end, Rumsfeld chose a special operations commander who has been credited with helping Franks rework the attack plan for Afghanistan—someone who has led the sort of force Rumsfeld sees as the vanguard of the 21st century U.S. fighting force. A former commander of the joint U.S. Special Operations command, Schoomaker told National Defense magazine in February 2001 that the future would hold fewer "wars" and more "conflicts," making special operations more important than ever.

By the end of the year, Army Special Forces and other elite fighters were leading a war in Afghanistan. Schoomaker has been credited with influencing Franks' plan for that war after Rumsfeld rejected an initial draft and asked for greater creativity.

"Humans are more important than hardware, and quality is better than quantity," Schoomaker told the magazine.

"Special operation forces cannot be mass-produced and competent special operation forces cannot be created after crises occur," he added. The defense chief's signal "is obvious: He's not satisfied with the way that the Army has been conducted itself since he arrived," said Loren Thompson, a military analyst at the Lexington Institute, an Arlington, VA., public policy group.

"This is the first time in the history of any military service that the leadership has been replaced with a secretary from another service and a military officer from outside the institution's mainstream."

The announcement of Schoomaker's appointment is expected this week as part of a series of appointments aimed at reshaping the Pentagon. Rumsfeld has offered the top job at U.S. Central Command to Abizaid, an Arabic-speaker who serves as a deputy to Franks. Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard B. Myers and his deputy, Gen. Peter Pace, top Rumsfeld picks, were asked to remain in their existing positions, officials said. Rumsfeld and Army brass have clashed repeatedly since he took office for the second time in 2001. He declined to reappoint Shinseki, although Shinseki had been trying to transform the Army since a year before Rumsfeld took office.

Rumsfeld killed the Army's treasured Crusader mobile artillery program and was reportedly irked by the service's efforts to revive it through friends on Capitol Hill.

When Shinseki said it would take about 200,000 troops to keep the peace in Iraq in the aftermath of a military victory, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz called the estimate "wildly inaccurate." There are now 165,000 American and more than 40,000 British and other coalition troops in Iraq.

The strain has occurred largely over Rumsfeld's military transformation plan and his treatment of Army leaders. That plan, which envisions a smaller and faster force, threatens the Army's traditional reliance on large numbers of troops. The plan's reliance on air power to protect ground soldiers goes against the grain of a service that prefers to protect itself.

Rumsfeld recently described his transformation plan at a town hall meeting.

"We have a long way to go for this defense establishment of ours to get itself fixed so that it can deal with the kinds of problems we're facing in the 21st century. We do need to be quicker on our feet," Rumsfeld said. "We need to be able to do things with somewhat small footprints."

The appointment of Roche, too, was unexpected because he now oversees another branch of military and has no Army background. Pentagon insiders said Rumsfeld views the Army as so hidebound that he is willing to incur the wrath of top Army brass by naming an outsider to oversee a revamping of it.

Rumsfeld has immersed himself in Army personnel decisions so deeply that he personally interviews all candidates for jobs above the rank of two-star general.

Farewell message to the Army family

It has been my distinct privilege to serve as your secretary these last two years; the absolute high point of my professional life.

Our soldiers and civilian employees have distinguished themselves in peace and war befitting our heritage and reputation of service to the nation since before its founding. I could not be prouder of the outstanding contributions you have made to our nation's defense and the honorable manner in which you have shouldered the immense sacrifices required of you and your families.

The Army remains at war and transforming. We have significant challenges ahead. We will win the War on Terrorism as part of a Joint team regardless of duration and difficulty.

Additionally, it is absolutely vital that we build on our successes and sustain our momentum to realize the vision of Army Transformation as part of the Joint Force.

America's Army turns 228 years old next month. Our enduring commitment to our fellow citizens is to be ready to defend the United States and her allies when called. As I conclude my duty with you I am proud to report to the American people that their respect and admiration for their Army is well founded. God Bless you, the United States Army and the United States of America.

Tom White
18th Army Secretary

Employees should register with Army's Civilian Emergency Contact Database

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In light of the heightened security threat, Department of the Army civilian employees are strongly encouraged to ensure that their emergency contact information is current and accurate.

As part of the Army's contingency planning process, it is suggested that the following types of information be provided for each contact person: home and work telephone numbers, cell phone or pager numbers (if any) and home e-mail addresses.

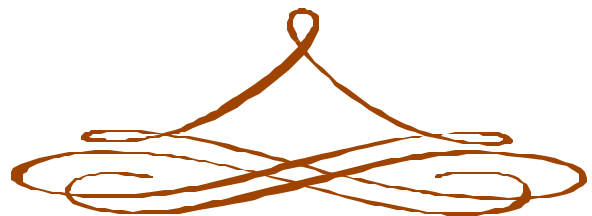
It is also highly recommended that employees update organizational emergency contact information on a regular basis.

The need for accurate emergency contact information was underscored following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the Pentagon. Up-to-date information greatly aided Army officials in the personnel accounting process immediately following the attack, tracking individuals whose offices were displaced and conveying critical information rapidly despite widespread computer system impacts.

To accomplish this task, the Army has established an automated civilian personnel emergency contact database as part of the lessons learned. The database includes Appropriated Fund and Non-Appropriated Fund employees.

While participation is not mandatory, Army officials say that it is strongly encouraged, so that emergency data stored in the database is readily available in the event of an emergency or the death of an employee. The emergency data stored in the database will only be available to authorized individuals who will be directly involved in the actual process of notifying emergency contact (s) and processing or assisting with the necessary documents in the event of injury or death of an employee.

A link to the Army's Civilian Emergency Contact Database, including instructions for registration and entry of data, can be found on the Civilian Personnel Online Web site at www.cpol.army.mil under Emergency Contact Data.



Change of Command



LTC Arnold P. Montgomery

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Deputy Commanding General
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Rock Island, Illinois*

*Requests the pleasure of your
company at a Change of
Command
for the Tooele Army Depot
at which
LTC Arnold P. Montgomery will
relinquish command to
LTC Karol L. Ripley
on Tuesday, the fifteenth of July
At nine o'clock a.m.
TEAD, Parade Field*



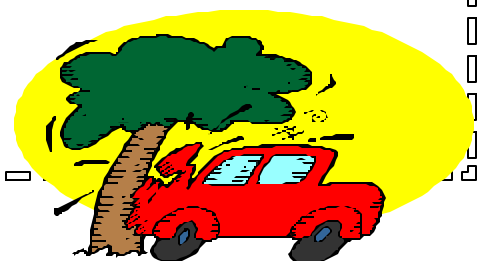
LTC Karol L. Ripley

Don't fall asleep on the road

Fatigue on the road can be a killer, especially when you've been driving on the open highway in the night. Many refer to it as "highway hypnosis," when the road seems to never end and it starts to lure you into a far-off gaze. The problem is, you're behind the wheel and lives are at stake. Something needs to be done. You have to turn off at the next exit, shut the car down and try to take a nap or head for the nearest hotel. The following are a few tips on what to do if you find yourself nodding off.

- Get enough rest. Never start a trip late in the day. Long-distance driving is tough. You need to be ready and awake.
- If possible, don't drive alone. Passengers can take turns driving, talking to each other and keeping each other up if need be.
- Avoid long drives at night.
- Adjust your car's environment so that it helps keep you awake and alert. Keep the temperature cool, with open windows or air conditioning in the summer and frugal amounts of heat in the winter.
- Watch your posture. Drive with your head up and your shoulders back. Tuck your buttocks against the seat back. Legs should not be fully extended, but flexed at about a 45 degree angle.
- Take frequent breaks. Stretch. It's a good thing.

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Employee's Corner



Dean Evans started his civil service career in 1973 when he was hired as a Fork-lift Operator in Materiel Movement at TEAD. Since that time he has worked in Facilities as an Electrician Helper and in Maintenance as an Equipment Repairer. In 1995 he was laid off in the BRAC process. He returned to the depot in 1996 in a temporary position. He later accepted a permanent position at the Veteran's Medical Center. He returned to TEAD as an Explosive Operator and is currently an Equipment Operator in Demil.

Dean enjoys backpacking in the canyons of Southern Utah, snow shoeing, and winter camping. He and his wife, Carma, recently celebrated their 30th anniversary. They are the parents of three children.

LTC Montgomery presented Dean with his 30 year certificate and clock.



Tom Sorrells was born 1944 in Central City, Kentucky. After he graduated High School he joined the Marines in June 1964. Tom completed his 3-year enlistment in 1967. He started night school at Jefferson Community College, Louisville, Kentucky in 1969. Tom moved to Lexington in 1973 and attended the University of Kentucky full time, graduating in 1975 with a BS in Accounting.

Tom joined the QASAS Program in 1976. He has had four assignments to South Korea; 1 tour at Fort Polk, LA; 1 tour at Fort Carson, CO; 1 tour at Blue Grass Army Depot; and 2 tours to Tooele Army Depot, including his first tour as an intern.

LTC Montgomery presented Tom with his 30 year certificate and clock.

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EVENTS FOR JULY

Weekly Events:

July 4-10—Freedom Week. To commemorate the anniversary of the independence of our country.

July 6-12—Take Charge of Change Week. To recognize that some unexpected changes in life are preventable, if we pay attention to the little things before they accumulate into a big problem—avoid health problems with a good diet and medical care, and avoid expensive car troubles with regular tune-ups.

July 25-31—National Salad Week. Summer is the perfect time to enjoy this vegetable-rich meal, and you can continue to enjoy it throughout the year.

Month of July:

Anti-Boredom Month
Cell Phone Courtesy Month
National Picnic Month
National Hot Dog Month

Daily Events:

July 2 - I Forgot Day. The day to belatedly make good on all of those anniversaries and birthdays that slipped your mind.

July 2—The Year is Half Over Day. At noon on this day, we hit the halfway mark for 2003. Only 183 more days left.

July 4—Independence Day. In 1776, The Continental Congress in Philadelphia passed the Declaration of Independence.

July 20—National Ice Cream Day. In 1984 then-President Ronald Reagan designated the third Sunday of July as National Ice Cream Day. Enjoy it without the guilt.

July 27—Parents' Day. To recognize the importance of effective parenting and to encourage the development and nurturing of children.